GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PROGRESS OF EAST WEST CORRIDOR IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved so far in the construction of the East-West Corridor in Bihar;

(b) whether the agreement in respect of all works was signed in 2005-06 but only 212.19 Km. of roads was completed so far out of 486.085 Km. of roads to be constructed;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in the execution of the work alongwith the agencies/persons responsible and the action taken against them;

(d) whether any shortcomings has been noticed in the DPR and the consultant had not taken into account the natural, geographical and weather factors while finalizing the same;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the stipulated time frame for completion of all works under the East-west corridor in the state alongwith the steps being taken for expeditious completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a): Out of total 501 km. length of East-West Corridor in Bihar, four-laning of about 355 km. length has been completed so far.

(b): Out of 487 km. length of East-West Corridor awarded in 2005-06, 340 km. length has been four-laned so far.

(c): Main reason for delay in execution of the works are delay in land acquisition, utility shifting and tree cutting. Also, adverse weather conditions and unprecedented flood in year 2007 and 2008 along with slow mobilization of some contractors have also caused delay.

(d) & (e): DPR has been prepared by Design Consultant in accordance with Ministry's Specification/IRC codal provision. Any modification as per site requirement is being reviewed by Supervision Consultant for incorporating it in the project.

(f): Target date of completion of East-West Corridor in Bihar is June, 2011. Steps have been taken to expedite the Land Acquisition process, shifting of utility services etc. besides action on poor performing contractors.